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SUBJECT: STATUS OF CHARGE'S CALLS

1. ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN HERE FOR TEN DAYS, THE ONLY MALAGASY OFFICIAL I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CALL ON IS THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, WHO RECEIVED ME MARCH 4. HE APOLOGIZED FOR NOT HAVING MET ME AT THE AIRPORT DUE TO HIS PREOCCUPATION WITH VISITING DELEGATIONS FROM CUBA AND LYBIA. HE ALSO APOLOGIZED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO SET UP APPOINTMENTS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR ME. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IS SICK; THE HEAD OF MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS IS IN CAIRO WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER; THE HEAD OF BILATERAL AFFAIRS IS ON LEAVE; AND ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER BEMANANJARA, MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION, SUPPLY, AND TOURISM, IS BUSY ELECTIONEERING OR LOOKING INTO THE RICE SHORTAGE IN TANANARIVE AND OTHER CITIES, WHICH FROM THE PRESS APPEARS TO BE ONE OF THE BURNING ISSUES OF THE DAY. THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL GAVE ME LEAVE TO START MY CALLS ON DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES AND PROMISED TO ARRANGE THE APPROPRIATE CALLS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. I BELIEVE THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL'S EXPLANATION AND DO NOT THINK THIS DELAY IS DELIBERATE. THE FRG AMBASSADOR TOLD ME HE HAS BEEN AWAITING A REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, OR ACTING MINISTER, FOR TWO WEEKS.

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I NOTE THAT ALBANIAN AMBASSADOR, RESIDENT IN DAR ES SALAAM, NOW VISITING TANANARIVE, WAS ONLY RECEIVED BY MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND COMMERCE.

3. IN THE MEANWHILE, I AM MAKING ROUNDS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND ENJOYING THE BEGINNING OF MY STAY HERE. BARRETT

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